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SUBJECT: FOUR ACTING CHIEFS TO FACE MILITARY TRIBUNAL

1. FOUR SOLDIERS FROM 2 ND BATTALION MOROTO WILL FACE MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR KILLING PEOPLE WHILE SERVING AS ACTING CHIEFS. THE FOUR WERE IDENTIFIED AS SERGEANT JOHN EKATU, PRIVATE ALLAI FADURU, PRIVATE NALISI KITAPENDA AND PRIVATE PAUL TUKETI. THEY HAD BEEN STATIONED IN SEBEI, BUGISU AND TESO.

2. UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF GENERAL AMIN, DEFENCE COUNCIL MET JUNE 28 AND DECIDED ON TRIBUNAL. COUNCIL DIRECTED COL. MALERA, COMMANDANT MILITARY POLICE, LT. COL. MWAKA, GENERAL HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF, CID OFFICERS FROM POLICE AND A LAWYER APPOINTED BY MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO ACT AS TRIBUNAL. PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED. IF FOUND GUILTY, ACCUSED WILL BE PUNISHED ACCORDING TO LAW.

3. AMIN STATED THAT NOBODY IN UGANDA, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, IS ABOVE LAW. HE SAID FOUR ACTING CHIEFS GAVE VERY BAD NAME TO ARMED FORCES AND UGANDA, WHILE OTHERS WERE ACTING TO UNITE PUBLIC AND ARMED FORCES. AMIN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM MANY DISTRICTS THAT PEOPLE WANTED ACTING CHIEFS TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE.

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